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Entitled: Absorbent Article with Segmented and
Separated Absorbent Structure

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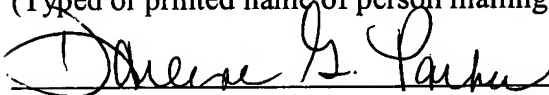
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Applicant: Garry Woltman, et al.)	Examiner: Not Assigned
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Title: Absorbent Article with Segmented and Separated Absorbent Structure)	Conf. No. 6732

**Request for Reconsideration of Petition
Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)**

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: Christina Tartera Donnell

Dear Ms. Donnell:


In response to the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a), the undersigned respectfully provides the following:

1. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
2. Supplemental Affidavit of Steven R. LeBlanc.

Should any questions arise with respect to this petition, the undersigned can be reached at 864-271-1592.

Respectfully submitted,

September 22, 2004



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SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF STEVEN R. LEBLANC
IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.47

I, Steven R. LeBlanc, swear and state as follows:

1. I am currently a Patent Attorney with the Law Firm of Dority & Manning, P.A. My Registration Number is 47,740. I prepared and filed the above-captioned application.
2. It is believed that Barbara O. Sauer has displayed conduct which constitutes a refusal to sign the Assignment and Declaration and Power of Attorney papers for the patent application entitled "Absorbent Article With Segmented And Separated Absorbent Structure" having an Official Serial Number 10/727,892.
3. Ms. Sauer is a former employee of Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. Kimberly-Clark personnel have had several unsuccessful conversations with Barbara O. Sauer and her spouse in an attempt to obtain her signature on declaration and assignment documents.
4. Ms. Sauer's last known address is 8897 South Road, Fremont, WI, 54940.
5. A recent further attempt was made to contact Barbara O. Sauer by mailing the following to her last known address: a cover letter explaining Ms. Sauer's duties; a copy of the patent application entitled "Absorbent Article with Segmented and

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Separated Absorbent Structure"; a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; a copy of the Assignment - Joint Inventors to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.; and a copy of the Confidential Information and Business Ideas, Inventions and Developments Agreement signed by Ms Sauer, formerly Barbara Oakley. A copy of this letter, without enclosures, is included as Attachment A.

6. Ms. Sauer accepted delivery of the letter and enclosures described in paragraph 5 above. A copy of the delivery receipt is included as Attachment B.
7. It is respectfully submitted that a bona fide attempt has been made to present a declaration and assignment to Ms. Sauer and that she is refusing to sign.

Respectfully submitted,



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Paul Y. Yee

Senior Patent Counsel



September 3, 2004

Barbara O. Sauer
8897 South Road
Fremont, WI 54940

RE: Patent Application entitled: **ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH SEGMENTED AND
SEPARATED ABSORBENT STRUCTURE**

K-C File: 19,021

Dear Barb:

Enclosed are photocopies of the following:

Patent application entitled, **ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH SEGMENTED AND
SEPARATED ABSORBENT STRUCTURE**

Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Original U.S. Patent Application – Joint Inventors

Assignment – Joint Inventors

**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND BUSINESS IDEAS, INVENTIONS
AND DEVELOPMENT**, which you signed as a condition of your
employment with Kimberly-Clark

In accordance with your employment agreement, you have an ongoing obligation to sign paperwork pertaining to any inventions made by you during your employment with Kimberly-Clark. A copy of the agreement is enclosed for your reference. In view of the current circumstances, Kimberly-Clark is willing to compensate you for the time that you spend on this patent application. In addition to the nominal amount specified in the Assignment document, Kimberly-Clark would offer to compensate you at a rate of \$50 per hour, for up to a **maximum of 3 hours**.

Please review the enclosed patent application. After your review, please sign in blue ink the copies of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and the Assignment in the appropriate spaces by your printed name, and send the signed documents in the enclosed postage-paid envelope by September 17, 2004. Also, include an invoice or other written statement that sets forth your time spent on the review. Upon receiving the signed documents, Kimberly-Clark will procure and send you a check for the appropriate amount of money.

Exhibit A

Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.

401 North Lake Street, P.O. Box 349 Neenah, Wisconsin 54957-0349
(920) 721-2435 (920) 721-7339 Facsimile Email: pyee@kcc.com

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter further, I can be reached at 920-721-2435.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Yee", written in dark ink.

Paul Yee

Enclosures

C: Steven LeBlanc (w/o enclosures)
Dority & Manning



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1. Article Addressed to:

Barbara O. Sauer
8897 South Road
Fremont, WI 54940

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Barb Sauer *9-4-04*

C. Signature

X *[Signature]*

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Exhibit B